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| In re Application of: |) | |
| HIDEKI INA, ET AL. |) | Examiner: Unassigned |
| Application No.: 09/428,490 |) | Group Art Unit: 2873 |
| Filed: October 28, 1999 |) | |
| For: POSITION DETECTING SYSTEM |) | August 16, 2000 |
| AND EXPOSURE APPARATUS |) | |
| USING THE SAME |) | |

The Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

To comply with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 Form. Copies of and extracted translations of the listed documents are also enclosed.

(1) The Kubota article is discussed on page 18 of the subject specification.


(2) and (3) The Corona Co. article and the Gakusai-Kikaku Co. article are discussed on page 22 of the subject specification.

Applicants request that the Examiner consider the cited information and return an initialed copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 Form indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants believe that no fees should be incurred in connection with filing this paper. Nevertheless, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205 should any fees be associated herewith. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for this purpose.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our address given below.

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